

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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November 30, 2004

FROM: JAMES A. FELTEN, Director
Department of Public Health

SUBJECT: PURCHASE ORDER TO GEN-PROBE, INC.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Find it is in the best interest of the County to use GEN-PROBE, INC. as a sole source vendor for laboratory reagents to rapidly detect and identify *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* and other mycobacteria of public health importance.
2. Authorize County Purchasing Agent to issue a sole source purchase order to GEN-PROBE, INC. in the amount of \$45,000 per year for a three-year period effective July 1, 2004.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Approval of this item will allow the Department of Public Health (Department) to continue providing rapid tests to diagnose tuberculosis.

County Policy # 11-04 requires Board of Supervisors approval for sole source and non-competitive purchases of supplies in excess of \$25,000, per vendor per fiscal year. On February 4, 2003, the Board approved sole source purchase order to GEN-PROBE INC. in the amount of \$45,000 for Fiscal Year (FY) 02-03. For FY 03-04, the Department stayed within the \$25,000 amount limit of the Policy. Reagents purchased from GEN-PROBE, INC. since July 1, 2004 are approaching the \$25,000 amount limit of the Policy. GEN-PROBE is the only vendor for reagents approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for rapid detection and identification of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* in smear negative and smear positive patients. Rapid detection and identification of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* is crucial to institute control measures aimed to prevent the spread of tuberculosis and is essential for appropriate treatment and management of patients. The equipment needed to conduct these tests is already available in the laboratory and the laboratory staffs are experienced in performing these tests.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel (Scott Runyan, Deputy County Counsel, (909) 387-4177) on November 12, 2004 and by the Purchasing Department (Aurelio De La Torre, Director, (909) 387-2074) on November 8, 2004. This item has also been reviewed by the County Administrative Office (Beatriz Valdez, Administrative Analyst, (909) 388-0211) on November 18, 2004.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: This item will impose no additional local cost on the County. Expenditures are fully reimbursed by Medi-Cal revenues and other Fee revenues. Appropriations and revenues in the amount of \$45,000 have been included in the Department's FY 2004-05 budget and will be included in the Departments' budget request for FY 2005-06 and 2006-07.

COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and recommends approval as it will impose no local cost to the County.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: James A. Felten, Public Health Director, (909) 387-9146

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